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DEATHS.

On December 18th, at Tsin-tung, MAX HOMANN, manager of the Deutsch-Austriische Bank, Tsin-tung. On December 20th, at Shanghai, RICHARD FRANCIS HAZELTON, aged 48 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28TH, 1908.

It is not inopportune when we are hearing so much about peace to look at the conditions which may make for, or retard, the realisation of that object. Admittedly few people desire war. Some there are who may have something to gain by a cessation of the "piping times of peace," but, speaking generally, few people nowadays care to see or hear the clash of arms between nations. Even military men do not look forward with pleasure to the outbreak of hostilities which will engage them to the full in their professional duties, while to the civilian the prospect of war is not without dread. In a word, the desire for peace is practically universal. But while this is an undisputed fact we have the curious spectacle of all the principal countries of the world devoting their energies to raising larger armies or equipping more powerful navies. With all the warlike talk and comparisons of fighting forces, which this occasions, it is difficult to realise that the *raison d'être* of those huge armies and powerful navies is the maintenance of peace. No motives of aggression or aggrandisement are recognised! No! Peace is the ultimate goal. Some people may impugn these motives, but after all, actions speak louder than words and the

fact that in recent misunderstandings between several nations, amounting in one or two instances to serious causes of quarrel, the parties concerned have shown a disposition for war, indicates that peace is still the great desideratum. We see in Great Britain an agitation being waged in favour of a larger army and a more powerful navy. Even conscription is suggested. Yet no one would dare to say that Britain should she carry out the programme sketched out for her, has designs upon any other power. Australia, too, wants an army and a navy, not with any aggressive object in view, but merely that she may be secure against invasion, thereby ensuring peace. In like manner the United States and Germany want larger navies to protect their expanding interests. The fear of aggression seems to be felt in every national consciousness, and all seem to act on the axiom that prepare for war is the best guarantee of peace. Weakness is regarded as a temptation to a stronger power, and as such is a menace to the peace of the world.

Disarmament has been suggested as a remedy for the increasing burden of military equipments which the nations are now compelled to bear, but though it has been considered it has not reached the stage of practical politics. The nations are still jealous of each other. They may have understandings, *ententes cordiales*, agreements, treaties, and alliances, but the effect of these is not to produce greater feelings of equality among the mass but rather to make for amalgamation, more or less temporary, which still keeps the Powers of the world ranged on different sides. How is this jealousy to be overcome? How is this wasteful burden of armaments to be removed from the nations, leaving them free to develop their own resources and make use of the manhood at present engaged in military occupations? These questions are not to be answered readily. With each nation taxing itself to the utmost to keep pace with others in maintaining huge fighting forces, it seems as if the world was paying very dearly for the peace which is supposed to be the object

each power has at heart, and the question naturally arises How long is this to continue? The more puissant nations will doubtless go on augmenting their enormous armaments. The weaker must perform lag behind and finally drop out of the race, leaving the contest to the more powerful competitors. Then, if not before, the folly of this international jealousy and the burdens it involves will perhaps dawn upon the nations concerned. Then disarmament will become feasible. But that time has not yet come.

It has been declared that disarmament would become general if any one of the great nations were courageous enough to abandon its armament and trust to the generosity of the others not to take advantage of its incapacity for fighting. An international agreement against aggrandisement is a necessary preliminary step. With such an agreement in existence it has been said that were Britain to abolish its navy and army she would have nothing to fear: no nation would dare interfere with her. As all her ports and all her possessions are open to the trade of all nations, they would all be interested in their maintenance, and, unfaltering though the simile may be, Britain would become the protégé of the other Powers in much the same way as China is. China stands forth as an example of the policy indicated, but, of course, her peculiar helplessness does not tend to make the example particularly attractive. Still the principle is there. And when the other powers realised the advantages gained by Britain they would not be slow to follow on the same path. The proposition is undoubtedly a daring one, and we can imagine that it will not meet with anything like general approval. Pride of country, patriotism, jingoism, call the sentiment what you will, will be opposed to an innovation by which Britannia will no longer rule the waves with her warships, and we would hesitate to counsel an experiment so hazardous, but the project need not be condemned unconsidered and in a world whose wish is peace the way may yet be found for making it less risky and more practicable.

The students of the Nobles school at Peking who are to be sent abroad to study for the Navy will be sent to England, Germany and France.

We learn that the plague epidemic, at Tongshan, North China, is now practically at an end, only sporadic cases having recently been reported.

Mr. E. A. Carl, Commissioner of Customs at Newchwang, has been appointed Associate Commissioner with Liu Ju-lin to the Opium Conference which is to meet in Shanghai on the 1st February and Mr. F. W. Carey, acting Assistant Secretary to the Inspectorate General has been appointed Secretary to the Chinese Commission.

Mr. Henry Edward Bush, 10, Normandy Lodge, Vanbrugh Park-road, Blackheath, London and late of Newchwang, has been recalled at £19,557.

His Majesty the King has now been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 16 of 1908, entitled "An Ordinance to extend a certain definition in the Imperial Act styled the Confidence (Colonial Statutes) Act 1907."

A letter of thanks signed by 5,575 men of the U. S. Battleship Fleet, has been received in Japan in acknowledgement of the cordial welcome during their stay in Yokohama. They state in the letter that the enterprising given to Hibya Park, Tokyo, was the most elaborate yet received by American sailors since the establishment of the Republic.

A Peking newspaper states that the messages of condolence sent by the foreign nations to China in her recent national bereavement have so touched the Prince Regent that the Imperial Highness intends to send a Prince of the blood to the various countries to return thanks after the hundred days of mourning.

The Board of Justice has resolved to establish a Supreme Court in each of the prefectures and departments and a court of pretty sessions in each district and city within the next year, two years and three or four years respectively, and to thoroughly reform the legal procedure at an early date—*Chinese Public Opinion*.

Peking mail news shows that preparations were being made a fortnight ago for the departure of the Dalai Lama on his return home. An Edict appointed Pu-sui to escort the Dalai Lama to Peking, after which the Viceroys and Governors are to escort him through their respective territories. A farewell audience with the Prince Regent is stated to have been refused, owing to the observance of mourning. For the same reason no decoration of the railway station was permitted on the occasion of his departure. The Dalai Lama was very busy receiving guests, both Chinese and foreign, who came to bid him farewell, bringing with them a great number of presents.

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On Friday 25th H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard entertained H.E. the Maharajah Kumar of Sikkim, attended by Major O'Connor, to dinner at Government House.

Mrs. Noble and Miss Waters, who are on their way to Japan, are at present guests at Government House.

To-day (Monday) Lady Lugard is giving an "At Home" at Government House.

Yesterday Lady Lugard and House Party attended Divine Service at St. John's Cathedral.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON TO
MR. L. R. WILFLEY.

A complimentary luncheon was given at the Astor House, Shanghai, last week in honour of Mr. L. R. Wilfley by his friends on the eve of his departure for home. The chair was taken by Bishop Graves and among the guests were Sir Pelham Warren, K.C.M.G., H. M. Consul-General, M. Ratard, Consul-General for France, Mr. C. Denby, Consul-General of the United States, Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, Acting Judge of H. M. Supreme Court, Mr. D. Landale, Chairman of the Municipal Council, the Rev. C. E. Darwent, Messrs. H. P. Wilkinson, T. Morgan Phillips, J. D. Clark, C. Fink and A. Monestier. The hosts included—Bishop Graves, Mr. J. F. Seaman, Mr. W. L. Merriman, Mr. H. De Gray, Mr. J. A. Thomas, Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott, Dr. F. E. Hinckley, Mr. A. Bassett, Mr. D. Coath, Mr. J. H. McMichael, Mr. Q. C. Baldwin, Mr. J. C. Ferguson, Dr. J. B. Ferguson, Rev. R. T. Bryan, Mr. H. O'Brien, Mr. W. W. Lockwood, Mr. A. S. Hobes, Mr. W. Dorsey, Mr. Thomas Cobb, Mr. D. McGrath, Mr. C. H. Blake, Mr. B. G. Holt, Mr. G. P. Godfrey, Mr. E. Kempfer, Mr. R. J. Solomon, and Mr. J. W. Rice. At the close of the luncheon, Bishop Graves proposed the health of the guest of the day, wishing him *bon voyage*. Judge Wilfley replied briefly in suitable terms.

A SHANGHAI WEDDING.

HOPEE-WALLACE.

A brilliant wedding was celebrated at Holy Trinity Cathedral last week, when Mr. E. H. Hooper (son of Sir William Hooper and Lady Hooper) was married to Miss Gladys Maud Wallace, second daughter of Captain and Mrs. F. H. Wallace, of Shanghai. A large company of guests was present, among whom the Stock Exchange was strongly represented: and in addition to many carriages and motor cars the "Tantivy" coach was retained for the occasion to carry guests from the Cathedral to the subsequent reception. The interior of the Cathedral, particularly the chancel, was very effectively decorated and the service was accompanied by full music of choir and organ. The Rev. A. J. Walker officiated to marry the happy pair. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses Claude and Joyce Wallace, Miss Nina Sutherland and Miss Hazel Crawford. Mr. S. Wheeler acted as best man, and there were also thirteen ushers, Messrs. E. McGregor, R. I. Fenlon, F. L. Peacock, W. C. Murray, E. B. S. Jacob, L. E. F. Jones, E. E. Deacon, L. J. C. Anderson, W. F. Wringrove, D. F. Wallace, K. J. McEneen, H. Engblad and W. G. Pirie.

The bride was dressed simply, but elegantly in plain clinging white satin, made dirndl-style, with deep tucked yoke of chiffon and tight sleeves of the same material. The four little bridesmaids wore plain white silk frocks and large white hats. They carried bouquets of poinsettias, making a very effective colour scheme of red and white. Mrs. Crawford's gown was pearl grey, Empire style, and she wore a lovely large white hat trimmed in shaded roses of marve and purple.

The reception, after the ceremony, in the Cathedral was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Crawford, 11, Sicawei Road, which was kindly lent for the occasion, and the bride and bridegroom subsequently left for the Taku Lake in a houseboat, where the honeymoon will be spent.

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TELEGRAMS.

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THE JAPANESE DICT.

TOKYO, December 27th.

At the opening of the Diet on Friday the Emperor in his speech from the Throne referred to his peaceful relations with other Powers and alluded to the need for the readjustment of the finances.

JAPAN CONGRATULATES
TURKEY.

TOKYO, December 27th.

News has been received in Japan that the members of the Turkish Parliament had noted with surprise that Japan alone among the great Powers of the world had omitted to send congratulations upon the inauguration of the Parliamentary system.

Taking advantage yesterday of the opening of the twenty-fifth session of the Diet the House of Representatives resolved to telegraph their congratulations to Turkey.

The message was sent in French.

[BEUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE VENEZUELA TROUBLE.

LONDON, December 28th.

The Bank of Venezuela has telegraphed to Berlin and Paris cancelling President Castro's unlimited letter of credit. Dr. Jose Paul, the ex-foreign Minister proceeds to Europe to settle disputes with the Powers. Holland has telegraphed ordering the cessation of the naval demonstration.

[LATER.]

The Venezuelan Vice-President Gomes has arrested President Castro's brother for leading a conspiracy to assassinate him and seize the Government. President Castro is charged with complicity. The Vice-President has revoked the decree hampering trade with Curacao, which was the main cause of friction with Holland. This is regarded as the equivalent of a settlement.

The American warships *Montana* and *South Carolina* have sailed, presumably for Venezuela.

[LATER.]

Venezuela has resumed friendly relations with Columbia. President Castro, interviewed, said he would not hamper the new Government from settling the country's disagreement with foreign nations, even though it involved his own withdrawal from activity.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

LONDON, December 28th.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian delegate to the Shanghai Opium Commission has arrived in London en route to India, where he will stay as long as possible on his way to Shanghai to investigate the opium conditions in India.

[LATER.]

The French Chamber has voted the Bill for the increase of the artillery. General Pierry declared that it was impossible to remain inferior, as compared with a possible foe, though the French organization was superior to the German.

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RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA.

LONDON, December 24th.

M. Isvolsky has issued a note to the Powers, in which he refers to the Austria proposal for a preliminary exchange of the views of the Cabinet regarding the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The note points out that the principal difficulty hitherto has been the divergence of Austro-Russian views. Russia was unable to agree to the suggestion that the Conference should merely confirm any Austro-Turkish agreement, and the Conference must define the new situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Austria's new proposal involves considerable inconvenience, but Russia, desirous to be conciliatory, is not disposed to object to it.

STUDENT RIOTS IN PARIS.

LONDON, December 25th.

There have been riots in Paris, by the medical students, who protest against the new examination rules. The Republican Guards charged the rioters, and many were injured.

COST OF THE BATTLESHIP
CRUISE.

LONDON, December 25th.

The cost of the cruise of the American battleship is £10,000,000, the coal alone costing £5,000,000.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

Christmastide in Hongkong passed very quietly. Fortunately the weather was bright and bracing and people took advantage of it to enjoy themselves to a large extent out of doors. There was the usual sport at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, a two days' cricket match at the Hongkong Club, as well as other meetings.

[AT THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH.]

Never before in its history has the little church at West Point presented a brighter picture than it did on Christmas day in its festival decorations. The font surrounded by a graceful palm was decorated with evergreens and flowers whilst in crimson letters on a white ground the text "Unto us a son is born" encircled it. The pulpit was especially noticeable, so skilfully had the masses of flowers been blended with moss, holly and other greenery.

The lectern, communion rail and the east end of the church were also very nicely decorated, a number of palms and other graceful plants adding greatly to the effectiveness of the decorations in this part.

The services were bright and cheerful, the music being of the simplest and most congregational character.

The sermon was based upon the well known verse in the book of the prophet Isaiah "Unto us a child is born."

In the afternoon sports were held at Stonecutters Island, but the attendance was not large. At the Kowloon Institute a party sat down to tea at 6.30 and spent the rest of the evening in a very pleasant manner unlading the "brig." Another party gathered in

Jury's coco song closed the first part of the programme, and was well received by his auditors.

After the opening overture in the second half Mr. Collier provoked much mirth with his singing of the comic song "Where's my two bob gone?" Mr. Rose gave another successful dancing exhibition, and the Royal Marine quintette were again well received for their rendering of an instrumental selection. Mr. Brown followed with another comic song, and Mr. Jury had a flattering reception for his singing of "My sweet British daughter." Mr. Dalsill obliged with the song "Every nation has a flag but a coon," and when the applause which followed his effort had ceased, Mr. Cooks sang "The Holy City" in fine voice. Another well executed piccolo solo by Mr. Englefield was followed by the laughable comic song "Pass the salt" in the singing of which Mr. Hutchinson scored a success and brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable concert.

Mr. J. McLeod proved a sympathetic president and his efforts, coupled with those of an untiring committee composed of Messrs. Gast, Cocks, Ellis, Calvert and Gipson, were responsible for the success of the evening.

Before the proceedings terminated Mr. McLeod in a happy speech welcomed the visitors to the warders' quarters, and took the opportunity of wishing them all the compliments of the season.

Mr. Percy Adams in responding said he felt sure he voiced the general sentiment when he said they had had a real good time. Those present were only the guests of the warders, and they did not wish to be anything more (laughter). He concluded by wishing the hosts, on behalf of their guests, the compliments of the season.

NAVAL YARD REJOICINGS.

As in previous years, the men of the Naval Yard hold high festival at the Happy Valley on Christmas morning. The usual football match between the bachelors and the bachelors for the fourth year in succession ended in a win for the married men by four goals to one. The unblest, however, took their drumming with good grace and joined with the victors in extending hospitality to their guests. Good cheer followed at the Police Quarters in the Naval Yard where the men entertained their guests at dinner.

CONCERT.

The Band of the German cruiser, *Fuerst Bismarck*, under the conductorship of Herr O. Schwicker, gave an excellent Christmas concert at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night to an appreciative audience. The rendering of "Christmas Airs" (Kodell) comprising fourteen pieces, was made pleasingly realistic by representations of snowfall, Christmas trees, sleighing, dancing and other festive associations to which the symphony of the toy orchestra interpreting the arrival of "Santa Claus" lent an amusing effect. The following is the full programme:

PART I.	
Festival March	Beethoven
Overture.....	"Ray Blas"
Theme.....	Mendelssohn
String Quartette (e) "A petite paix"	Verdi
(b) "Loin du Ball"	Sudess
(c) "Pizz Polka"	Gillet
Waltz from the new Opera.....	Hornung
"Dollar Princess"	Fall
PART II.	
Introduction Act III.....	"Lehengrin"
Overture.....	Wagner
Lodiska.....	Chiribini
Xmas Airs.....	Kedel
Waltz.....	Farbach

AMOY.

The installation of officers of the Corinthian Lodge No. 1806, took place on Saturday the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Kulanang, and was followed by the usual banquet which was in every way a success. The installation ceremony was conducted by the I. P. Master Worshipful Bro. Kruse, and the following officers were installed: Wor. Master: Wor. Bro. Moorhead; Senior Warden, Bro. Jas. Ross; Junior Warden, Bro. F. Rankin; Sen. Deacon, Bro. A. Milne; Junior Deacon, Bro. H. Kohler; Secretary, Bro. C. B. Mitchell; Treasurer, Bro. J. Thatchier; Inner Guard, Bro. C. Cowper; Organist, Bro. H. Howard; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. A. G. L. Renfrew.

SIR ROBERT HART AND CHINA'S FUTURE.

"NO MORE FIGHTING."

Sir Robert Hart last month paid a visit to Lisburn, where he spent several years of his childhood, and was presented with an address of welcome by the urban council.

After reading his formal reply to the address Sir Robert made a speech on China. He said he felt sure that China would have a wonderful future. The Chinese were a strangely reasonable people, but they hated the idea of having to become soldiers and said, "If right is right, it ought not to be required to fight to support it." Circumstances, however, required that they should be able to stand on their own legs and hold their own ground against the strong foreign competition which was coming nearer and nearer in view of the labour-saving appliances which were being invented and the improvement of the means of communication and transport. Now, in addition to others they were to study Western science in order to cope with it and acquire the appliances which were in daily use here. Thus they proposed to strengthen themselves. They could imagine how great numbers of soldiers could be produced from a population of 400 millions of people. Possibly one hundred, two hundred, or three hundred years hence those 400 millions of people would be as strong in arms individually and nationally as, for instance, a great Continental Power like Germany was at the present moment, and then what would happen? China would turn round to the rest of the world and say, "Gentlemen, there must be no more fighting." They would throw in the force of their arms with the country that made war, and he believed that in that way the millennium would come. (Cheers.) That was an ominous statement to make, but he knew something of the Chinese and he knew their reasonable character, and he therefore knew that they would act in a reasonable way.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Back to ordinary life again. Christmas with its pump handle jollity, its shower of greetings, and its heavy feeding, is over, and we are now struggling, more or less successfully, to get back to "the daily round, the common task." No doubt Christmas is a good time, but it is disorganising.

There are, of course, different views of Christmas. To the child it is a time of inexpressible delight, to the hard-working man or careworn business man it is a time of rest, and to the ordinary individual it means a bright day in a usually drab existence. On the other hand, it is a terror to the mean man because it involves demands which he does not care to gratify, and to the lonely man it is a time of misery, as it emphasises his loneliness.

I heard some of my Scottish friends say that Christmas spoils New Year. It robs the later festival of many of its characteristic features, and makes the individual less appreciative of its joys. Doubtless Scottish folk do not like to see their festival eclipsed by the other, but after all the observance of Christmas brings them more into line with the other peoples of the world.

Welcome to Lady Lugard! She has returned to the Colony in time to brighten up Christmas at Government House, and those outside the gubernatorial residence will be glad to see her sweet smile again. Her absence was felt and her presence will now be appreciated.

Talk of international amity! Where in the world is there such an example as is furnished by Hongkong? In its busy harbours the warships of no fewer than six different nations were seen lying alongside each other during the week, namely, British, American, French, German, Italian and Austrian. Quite a happy family, and another instance of our cosmopolitanism.

Notwithstanding all that has been said and written about the talking nuisance at concerts, it is deplorable to find that it is not abated. The offender usually belongs to the fair sex, and, with a charming lack of consideration for all around her, she chatters to her companion on every topic but that of music, while lovers of the art have their evening's pleasure spoiled by her uncrossing chin-wagging. At Saturday night's concert at the Theatre Royal a lady made herself conspicuous in this manner, and though several more men had the temerity to look their disapproval at her, the "unruly member" was not subdued. The incident had its sequel when several people left the vicinity and sought seats where their pleasure would not be marred by a lady's talking—which most men can obtain without payment.

A hint for the Sanitary Board, especially the officials entrusted with the care of the cat emporium! In a home paper I read—"Many triumphs in original colour were seen at the great champion show of cats opened at the Crystal Palace yesterday. With the modern cat, beauty is to a large extent skin deep, that is to say, coat and colour reckon high, and high value is set on certain combinations of colour which have only recently been achieved in their full measure. The most artistic of all modern cats is the blue Russian, of which Lady Decies has the pick, and yesterday won most of the prizes. Her best exhibits are of a level light blue tint, absolutely unaffected by any other shade, and they possess that second desideratum—a copper-coloured eye, which, to the regret of all cat breeders, is apt to fade into the common green with age. In the case of the white smooth-haired cat the eyes should be blue, and such an animal as the unbroken Fulmer Snowstorm is a revelation in the breeder's power to get the pure colours he seeks. Again, the silver tabbies, whose virtue depends on the blackness of the lines and the clearness of the marking between them, are preferred either with golden or green eyes. But to judge by two of the best—Miss Cope's Roial Dame and Mrs. Slingby's Don Pasquale of Thorpe—the gold is preferred. So, in the self-colour "oranges," a very popular shade in rough-haired cats, the eye matches the coat exactly. But to the public, who do not deal in special colour, the smooth-haired Russian blues with the copper eyes are the most remarkable example of modern colour schemes and the highly artistic cat. Some of these are worth £50, though the best are descended from a recent and blemished progenitor picked up for a song in a shop in Fulham."

Hongkong ought to be able to introduce several new features, and an enterprising department might have on view such breeds as "death on rats," "won't be squeezed," "anti-opium," "the stay-at-homes" "the mousee," "the pugnacious," and so on, with colours varying from an eastern purple to a funeral black or a doubtful white.

We have heard the different stages of drinking often described, but I never heard it more quaintly set forth than by a Chinaman I ran across to Kowloon city on Xmas Day. "Hello," I said, as I saw him carrying a bottle, "you catches samah for Christmas?" "Yes," he answered, "I pay ten cents one bottle! English wine more better!" With that I agreed and he continued: "English wine one drink makes head go round, two drink no sayes nothing, three drink makes fall down—all same sleep." He knew a thing or two, that chap.

We in Hongkong may well take courage. Trade may be bad, and no doubt we have passed through a pretty serious time and are perhaps not quite clear of it yet, but it is comforting to know that we are not suffering alone. According to the interview with Mr. Lau Chu Pak published in the *Daily Press* the other day, the depression in trade is general all over China and the other ports are as badly off as Hongkong. That gives us grace of heart, because whatever may be said, we know we are not suffering altogether for our own sins.

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FOOTBALL.

R.E. v. Y.M.C.A.

This match was played on the Military Ground on Saturday in beautiful weather and before a large number of spectators. R.E. won the toss and put Y.M.C.A. to face the sun, a great disadvantage. Gunner Marsh, who surprised the game, had an unevenly task as the play was rough and at times dirty. There was very little to choose between the unorthodox tactics of one man in R.E. and one in Y.M.C.A. Both were seen limping away after the match, so they evidently got it rather hot.

Viveash started the ball for Y.M.C.A. and a visit to the R.E. territory was soon ended. Beardmore kicked hard and put Y.M.C.A. on the defensive. The R.E. forwards showed good combination but found determined opposition coming from the Saints' back line. A foul against Morish for jumping at Storrie relieved pressure and for a little time play was in midfield. McCrory, however, got going and brought the ball along and passed on to Ormsdon who, however, was robbed by Storrie. In doing so the latter handled the ball and the referee gave a penalty kick. Coxon failed to score, Atkins having in grand style and McCubbin cleared. Morish now got possession, and after some good play, opened the account for R.E. with a stinging shot. Atkins held the ball too long and Morish pushed it through. From the restart Y.M.C.A. pressed, but Beardmore and Coxon were in form and could not be persuaded to let Y.M.C.A. past them. Another foul against R.E. gave Y.M.C.A. a chance. 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Steamers are hereby notified that on and
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1908. [1664]

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NOTICE:

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Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 P.M. To-DAY requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remained unclaimed after TUESDAY the 29th Dec., at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 29th Dec., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 29th Dec., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1908. [2]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, MID-
DELSBOURG, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"CARNARVONSHIRE".

Captain Ingram, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd, Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 29th inst., at 3 P.M.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1908. [1690]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP,
LONDON, CHOLMEO AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SANUKI MARU."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will be carried on unless intimation is given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by 31st Dec., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1908. [1698]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"ASSAYE".

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

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Optional cargo will be landed here unless intimation is given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 31st inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1908. [1698]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

SILK-MAKERS' DISEASE—BUTTER COWS—TOWN AND COUNTRY HUMIDITY—THE BLOOD DEFENCE AND REPAIR ARMY—SUGAR BREAD—A STORM FOREBUNKER—KITES IN SUB-MARINE EXPLOSION—METAL-PLATING WITH VAPOR—CATHER ELECTRO-COCTION.

One of the latest of the diseases brought by industrial changes has appeared in an artificial silk factory in Hungary and is due to poisoning by the vapor of carbon disulphide, which, being heavier than air, accumulates in the lower parts of badly-ventilated rooms. The symptoms at first puzzled the factory surgeons. Severe headache and discomfort are followed by loss of appetite and stomach trouble, and later by weakness of the limbs and general prostration. Impaired sight and mental derangement are common. Workmen sometimes collapse and remain in a comatose condition two or three weeks, and others become delirious. Permanent dementia has been known in one case. Treatment is usually successful if work is discontinued, and for prevention it is recommended that rooms be ventilated by large fans, and that no man work more than eight days in succession.

A singular discovery of Dr. Martini, a German bacteriologist, investigating cattle disease in China, is that the cows now being rapidly exported from Shantung to Vladivostok give much less milk than American cows, but that the milk contains seven or eight per cent. of butter fat, while cow's milk in the United States seldom yields over two or three per cent. Much of the food of the Chinese cows is the refuse of oil-making from beans and peanuts. The milk is unsatisfactory for drinking but produces a large quantity of excellent butter.

The air of large towns is found by V. Kreisler to be drier than country air, although it might be supposed that the higher temperature of the towns would increase the vapor.

The chief cause of the lessened humidity seems to be the more complete draining of the ground in towns.

The leucocytes, or white corpuscles that move about in the blood, have been likened to an army of policemen, as they defend the body from disease by seizing and absorbing germs. Max Kolleman, of the Paris Museum, believes that he has now shown a further and hitherto unsuspected, usefulness of these tiny blood cells. He has traced the evolution of the leucocytes from certain cells found in the bodies of crustaceans and worms, and he finds reason for concluding that these roving cells act as feeders of the body as well as defenders. That is, one of their functions seems to be to provide a reserve of albumen, the material now thought to be used by the body in repairing its own tissues.

The curious fact has been brought out by French chemists that the presence of five per cent. of sugar does not change the flavor of bread, as much as ten or fifteen per cent. being necessary to give any sweet taste.

Exportation from France having been made unprofitable, means are being considered for increasing the home consumption of sugar, which in 1907 was 33 pounds per capita. The use in bread of five per cent. would greatly benefit the farmers of northern France. Sugar has a high food value and is perfectly assimilated, and the new bread tested in the army and elsewhere has proven to be of excellent quality.

A remarkable phenomenon referred to as "Storm-Nose," a sudden rise of barometric pressure followed by a comparatively gradual fall, before a storm or severe squall, has been studied by German meteorologists. It explains sudden changes in the level of the sea that have been noted. Observations in the ocean near Denmark have shown a rise of as much as three feet produced by the passage of this atmospheric wave, and the effects, of course, may be quite striking.

A new naval use for man-carrying kites is in locating shoals, wrecks, submarines and mines. The visibility from a considerable height of objects under water has been made known by balloonists, and British naval officers have been using kites to verify the observations. The tests were made at a height of 2,000 to 3,000 feet. Kites were found to be superior to captive balloons, as they require no inflating, offer less resistance to the wind and are able to withstand quite strong gales, and they are less cumbersome. From a basket held up by three kites towed by a torpedo destroyer at a speed of 26 knots in the teeth of an 18-mile wind, observations were made with ease and in comfort.

In the new "cooperizing" process of Sherard Cooper-Cole, the British electro-metallurgist, iron is given a protective coating by means of zinc vapor, instead of by the usual misnamed "galvanizing" by dipping into molten zinc. Both porcelain and metallic surfaces are given a brilliant and delicate zinc coating. The articles to be coated are enclosed in an inner cage of fine wire netting, and this is revolved slowly in an outer drum of wrought iron in which metallic zinc is volatilized by gas, the electric furnace or other suitable heat. A stream of hydrogen is then conducted into the apparatus through a suitable tube.

In his painless slaughering of cattle, Dr. Stephane Leduc, of Nantes, uses a low-voltage direct current of electricity, which is given a pulsating flow by an interrupter, and this acts by suspending circulation and by respiration.

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SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list, dated the 24th December, 1908, say:—Since the issue of our last share report a moderate to fair business has been done in a variety of stocks and the market closes steady to strong for most of our securities. The demand, however, has been entirely for investment purposes, the speculative element with its attendant time business being absent altogether.

The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at £1 8s. 3d., while rates on Shanghai, and vice versa, are unchanged.

BANK SHARES.—Several small parcels of

silver bullion have been sold at \$350,000.

PIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—A few Hongkong shares have been sold at \$167.50.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao changed hands at \$29 and \$23, closing with sellers at \$29. Indo-Chinas are unchanged here and in Shanghai, while the London quotation is £3. 10s. Od. for preference and £1. 7s. 6d. for deferred shares. China and Manila have sellers at \$14. Douglas are quiet, but steady at \$33. Star Ferries, as well as Water Boys are unchanged. Shell Transports are quiet at 47 shillings; the London rate is 47s. 6d.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars are quiet again at \$1124. Lukon are offered at \$18, and are offering at \$20.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages and Raubis are unchanged. Chinese Engineering and Mining Companies' shares have buyers at £1. 17s. 6d.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODDOWNS, &c.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are offering at 890. Penwick, as well as New Amoy Docks are unchanged. Shanghai Docks have advanced in the North to £1. 7s. 7d.; Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves sold at \$24 to \$43, closing with buyers at latter figure. Shanghai and Hankow Wharves advanced in the north to £1. 14s. at which rate sellers prevail.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands changed hands at \$292, but shares are obtainable at \$29. Kowloon Lands have sellers at \$35. Hongkong Hotels can be placed at \$87. Shanghai Lands have improved in Shanghai to £1. 12s. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without sales.

TELEGRAPH MILLS.—Shanghai quotes buyers of Ewos at £1. 7s. 6d. of Internationals at £1. 6s. of Laiuk King Mows at £1. 57s. and of Soo Chees at £1. 20s. Hongkong ottoms are wanted at \$9.

SUNDAY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric has been done at \$182 and \$183 and a few are for sale at the higher rate.

Gas shares have buyers at \$200, or an interim dividend of 5 per cent. on account of 1908 paid in London on 3rd October; Green Island Cement shares sold at rates ranging between \$9.80 and \$10, and closed with sellers at \$9.90.

Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and no sales have been reported.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Langton have buyers at

Tls. 860. South China Morning Post shares are offered at \$24. Watsons are inquired for at \$2.

Watsons sold and have buyers at \$31.

Other stocks under this heading have not been dealt in and rates show no change.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ARAKI MARU, Japanese str., 2,183, T. Ohta, 24th Dec.—Moj 19th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
BANDAI MARU, Japanese str., 2,000, Y. Meyaki, 26th Dec.—Moj via Amoy 24th Dec., Coal.—Arnfield Kai-berg & Co.
BENVORLICH, British str., 2146, A. Webster, 26th Dec.—Singapore 18th Dec., General Gibb, Livingston & Co.
CHOSHUN MARU, Jap. str., 1,303, T. Suraga, 26th Dec.—Shanghai 20th Dec., General Osaka Shosha Kaisha.
CYCLOPS, British str., 5,747, H. C. Harris, 24th December—Liverpool via Ports 14th Nov., and Manila 23rd December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
DELTA, British str., 4,780, B. W. Snow, 25th Dec.—Shanghai 22nd December, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. C.
FAUNSBY, British str., 1,410, H. S. Mulkin, 24th Dec.—Hongkong 22nd Dec., Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HAJIN, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HAITAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 27th Dec.—Swatow 21st December, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HELENE, German str., 771, Jessen, 26th Dec.—Holloway 25th Dec., General—Juban & Co.
HUPEN, British str., 1,205, Spink, 25th Dec.—Haiphong and Holloway 23rd December, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
KASHING, British str., 25th Dec.—Canton.
KWANGTUNG, Chinese str., 27th Dec.—Canton.
LANDERAT SCHEIFF, German str., 1,200 A. 27th Dec.—Tsingtao 21st Dec., General—Siemens & Co.
MANDAL, Norwegian str., 1,194, E. Erickson, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, Ballast—A. T. & Co.
MATHILDE, German str., 631, A. P. Uldern, 24th Dec.—Haiphong and Holloway 23rd Dec., Rice and Figs—Jebau & Co.
MEFOO, Chinese str., 1,332, J. Frerick, 25th Dec.—Shanghai, 22nd December, General—Chinese.
MOYNE, British str., 4,645, J. Millichan, 27th Dec.—Shanghai 24th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
NEWCHWANG, British str., 558, E. L. Jones, 26th December—Swatow 25th December, General—C. N. C.
PROTEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024, C. Müller, 27th Dec.—Chinkiang 22nd Dec., Rice—Angard, Thoresen & Co.
SCANDIA, German str., 4,546, Van Dihren, 27th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec., General—Hamburg-American Line.
SHACKLING, British str., 25th Dec.—Canton.
SHIRANZ MARU, Jap. str., 3,960, K. Kawara, 27th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec., Flour—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
SIKH, British str., 3,231, Watkinson, 25th Dec.—Yokohama and Shanghai 22nd December, General—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
TEAN, British str., 1,456, A. W. Outerbridge, 26th Dec.—Manila 22nd Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
YUNNAN, British str., 25th Dec.—Canton.

DEPARTURES.

25th December.
ASSAYE, British str., for Shanghai.
HAIYANG, British str., for Swatow.
HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong, 26th December.
CHIYO MARU, Japanese str., for San Francisco.
CHUNGSANG, British str., for Hongkong.
DELEA, British str., for Singapore.
E. F. FERNAND, Aus str., for Singapore.
HALIAN, French str., for Heikow.
HELIPOLIS, British str., for Durban.
HIN CHI, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
KWEILIN, British str., for Swatow.
LAIBANG, British str., for Singapore.
PHRANANG, German str., for Swatow.
RUTI, British str., for Manila.
SANUJI MARU, Jap. str., for Singapore, 27th December.
CHOISING, German str., for Swatow.
DAIA MARU, Jap. str., for Wakamatsu.
DEVAWONGSE, German str., for Swatow.
GEORGE V, British str., for Newcastle.
TAIKI MARU, Jap. str., for Moji.
YUENSANG, British str., for Manila.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British str. *Moyne* reports: Light monsoon and fine clear weather.
The British str. *Fausang* reports: Moderate to fresh Northerly wind and moderate sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK. December 24th.
ABBEDEEN DOCK—*Phranang*.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN } "BOINEO" Capt. F. Sembill	Tuesday, 29th Dec., at NOON.	
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MANILA, YAP., NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE } "PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. F. Lehrs	Thursday, 31st Dec., at NOON.	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE ... "PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" Capt. E. Malchow	About Thursday, 31st December.	

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1908. [5]

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1908. [1681]

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1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

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LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SICILIA	Brit str.	—	C. W. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 30th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP ...	GLENDALE	Brit str.	—	Haughton	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 6th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP OF CALL	ASSAYE	Brit str.	—	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 9th Jan., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit str.	—	Haughton	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	End of January.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DET OF OGIL	Brit str.	—	Haughton	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 5th Jan.
HAEVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ISTRIA	Brit str.	—	Haughton	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 11th Jan.
HAEVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BARCELONA	Brit str.	—	Haughton	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 25th Jan.
HAEVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	C. FEED LAMBS	Brit str.	—	Haughton	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 29th Jan.
HAEVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SIAVONIA	Brit str.	—	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 32nd Jan.
HAEVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Brit str.	—	Haughton	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 27th Feb.
HAEVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SIAM	Brit str.	—	Haughton	MELCHERS & CO.	Beginning of January.
HAEVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ERNEST SIMONS	Brit str.	—	Haughton	MESSENGERIES MARITIMES	On 5th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MAESIELLES & I. LONDON VIA HOMBAY	GLENDALE	Brit str.	—	Haughton	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 20th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MAESIELLES & I. LONDON VIA HOMBAY	BUENO	Brit str.	—	Haughton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan., at D'light
MAESIELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SADO MARU	Jap str.	—	Haughton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan., at D'light
MAESIELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan., at D'light
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NAPILES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR & C.	BUBLOW	Brit str.	—	Haughton	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th March.
NAPILES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR & C.	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-morrow
NAPILES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR & C.	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO. LTD.	On 5th Jan.
NAPILES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR & C.	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 19th Jan.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 16th Jan., at 7 A.M.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 2nd March, at Noon.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Noon.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th March.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 27th Feb.
NEW YORK	BUENO	Jap str.	—	Haughton	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO. LTD.	On 27th Feb.
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**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP	SICILIA	On 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	Capt. C. H. Watkins, E.N.R.	Dec.	Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NYANZA, YOKOHAMA	Capt. H. S. Bradbury	About 2nd Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	Capt. J. D. Andrews, E.N.R.	About 8th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	ASSAYE	Noon, 9th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
	Capt. C. L. Daniel		

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 28th December, 1908.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 29th Dec., 3 P.M.
CHEFOO and DALNY	"HANYANG"	On 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	On 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 30th Dec., 10 A.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 5th Jan., 3 P.M.
DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREEMANTLE and PERTH	"CHANGSHA"	On 29th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA STEAMERS & TIENSIN STEAMERS	have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon.	
AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS	have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.	
SHANGHAI STEAMERS	have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.	
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HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HATTAN," Capt. J. S. Rosel	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1908.

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Monday, 28th Dec., 4 P.M.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & CHINGWANTAO	"CHEONGSHING"	Monday, 29th Dec., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday, 29th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday, 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Thursday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 8th Jan., 4 P.M. 09
SH'EI-HAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Monday, 11th Jan., Noon 09

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

FEBRUARY 2ND TO 9TH, 1909.

A Special Reduced Fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our Sailings to Manila on the 29th January, and 5th February, available for 30 days from date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang Telephone No. 61.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

On Friday (New Year's Day) the office will be open from 7 to 9 a.m.
On Saturday the 2nd January the office will be open from 7 a.m. to noon for despatching the American mail.

There will be one delivery of letters and one collection as on Sundays.
The money order office will be entirely closed.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia.

25th December	at 10.00 a.m.
31st December	at 8.30 p.m.
8th January	at 10.00 a.m.

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Macao Sui Toi
Shanghai Bain Fung
Fooking Monday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow, Shantou, Weihaiwei, Chetoo and
Chingwatai
Kuandu and Sandakan
Singapore
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
Macau
Manil
Shanghai Chefoo and Dalny
Shanghai Hangang Moyane
Singapore
Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle
Singapore and Colombo
Haiphong
Batavia, Cheriton, Samarang, Soerabaya and
Makassar

EUROPE, &c., India via Taticorin
(Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents).
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Macau
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Manila, Yap, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Bremen, Herbertshohe, Matop, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO
(Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA).
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)

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Ernest Simons.

10.45 A.M.
Registration, Kowloon
H.O. 10.00 A.M.
No late reg.

11.00 A.M.
Wednesday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.

Sus Toi
Sus Toi
Luogansu

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Wednesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.

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Printed Matter and Samples
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